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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT: Consultation with respect to Guatemala

PARTICIPANTS: Sr. don Jorge Hazera, Counselor, Embassy of Costa Rica
ARA - Mr. Woodward

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Señor Hazera informed Mr. Woodward that:

(1) His Government has delegated full authority to Ambassador Facio to approve the 'whereas' and 'considering' clauses of the draft resolution in such form as Ambassador Facio finds advisable in the light of the majority opinion of those representatives who are discussing such clauses in Washington. The Costa Rican Government considers these clauses entirely subsidiary to the substantive recommendations of the draft resolution which it has already approved.

(2) The Costa Rican Government very much favors the use of the Rio Treaty rather than the charter of the OAS as the basis for calling the meeting. It will not be adamant on this point, however, if in the final judgment of the majority it would seem advisable to use the charter. Article 25 of the charter, in the view of the Costa Ricans, makes it quite clear that the specialized inter-American treaties should be utilized in cases of a threat to the peace.

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(3) The views of the Department of State with respect to a draft declaration which we are supposed to be receiving from Ambassador Hill would be appreciated. This draft declaration which would be made by President Figueres has been the subject of discussion between the Costa Rican Foreign Minister and Ambassador Hill. Mr. Woodward told Sr. Hazera that the draft declaration had not yet been received by the Department, but that the Department would be glad to give him its comments when it has had a chance to study the draft declaration.

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